

I Claim:

1. An apparatus for providing conditioned air to an aircraft, the apparatus comprising:
 - a housing having a length defined by a first end and a second end;
 - a flexible hose within the housing;
 - an inner tube within the housing wherein the inner tube has a length defined by a top and a bottom; and
 - a drive unit attached to the housing.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the top of the inner tube extends outside the first end of the housing and the bottom of the inner tube extends outside the second end of the housing.
3. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - a wheel attached near the second end of the housing.
4. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - a motor attached to the drive unit.
5. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - a hose wherein the hose extends between the inner tube and the housing.
6. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - a finger located between the inner tube and the drive unit.
7. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the housing is in a horizontal position.
8. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the housing is in a vertical position.
9. An apparatus for retracting a hose, the apparatus comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a drive unit associated with the housing wherein the drive unit has a belt and further wherein the drive unit retracts the hose into the housing; and

a motor attached to the drive unit wherein the drive unit is powered by the motor.

10. The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a cover.

11. The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a plurality of rollers.

12. The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a plate.

13. The apparatus of Claim 9 further comprising:
grooves formed in the belt.

14. An apparatus for retracting a hose, the apparatus comprising:

a drive unit having a belt wherein the belt has a plurality of grooves; and

a flexible hose having ribs wherein the ribs correspond to the plurality of grooves of the belt.

15. The apparatus of Claim 14 further comprising:
a motor attached to the drive unit.

16. A method for supplying conditioned air to an aircraft, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a hose;

storing the hose in a housing;

extracting the hose from the housing;

attaching the housing to a source of conditioned air; and

attaching the hose to an aircraft.

17. The method of Claim 16 further comprising the step of:

releasing the hose from the aircraft.

18. The method of Claim 16 further comprising the step of:

retracting the hose into the housing.

19. The method of Claim 16 further comprising the step of:

attaching a wheel to the housing.

20. The method of Claim 16 further comprising the step of:

attaching a relief hose between the housing and a source of conditioned air.